



RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 3721
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Katsumi TASHIRO, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/781,292

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For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR PACKAGING ROLLED ARTICLE

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 17, 2005, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by JP 2003-026113 to Kadota ("Kadota"). For at least the following reasons, Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

The Examiner asserts that Kadota teaches each element of the rejected claims. Applicant, however, respectfully traverses this rejection. For example, claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, a method of packaging a rolled article including the operation of "mounting said skirt members on said end